

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LEA
ORDINANCE NO. 81

ANIMAL CONTROL

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE COUNTY'S AUTHORITY TO PROTECT ANIMALS FROM NEGLECT AND ABUSE, WILL PROTECT RESIDENTS FROM ANNOYANCE AND INJURY, WILL ENCOURAGE RESPONSIBLE OWNERSHIP OF ANIMALS AS PETS, WILL ASSIST IN PROVIDING HOUSING FOR ANIMALS IN AN ADOPTION CENTER AND WILL PARTIALLY FINANCE THE ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT'S FUNCTIONS OF ASSISTING WITH ADOPTING, HOUSING, LICENSING, ENFORCEMENT AND RECOVERY

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEA COUNTY:

Section 1. Short Title

This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the "Lea County Animal Ordinance".

It is the intent of the County Commission that enactment of this chapter will protect animals from neglect and abuse, will protect residents from annoyance and injury, will encourage responsible ownership of animals as pets, will assist in providing housing for animals in an adoption center and will partially finance the Animal Control Department's functions of assisting with adopting, housing, licensing, enforcement and recovery. It is the intent of the County Commission to organize and utilize advisory groups to assist with improving public awareness about subjects pertaining to the enactment of this chapter.

Section 2. Definitions

For the purposes of this Ordinance, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

- A. **Abandon** – To leave an animal without food, water or shelter for more than twenty four (24) hours on one's premises, or to leave an animal on property other than one's own without the consent of the owner of the property where the animal is left and without making provisions for the adequate feeding, watering and care of the animal.
- B. **Animal** – Any Vertebrate member of the animal kingdom except humans.
- C. **Animal Fighting Paraphernalia** – Equipment that any reasonable person would ascertain is used for animal fighting purposes which includes, but is not limited to (1) instruments designed to be attached to the leg of a bird, such as a boxing gloves, knife, gaff, or other sharp instrument, (2) items to train and condition animals to fight including, but not limited to, hides or other material used as hanging devices to strengthen and/or condition dogs, wooden sticks or handles used to pry open dog's jaws, performance enhancing drugs or substances, or food or water additives, and (3) the presence of any animal that appears to be a fighting animal alone or together with animals suspected of being used as bait animals including but not limited to rabbits, cats, and other dogs.
- D. **Animal Control Authority** – An entity authorized to enforce the animal control laws of a city, county or state, whether acting alone or in concert with other governmental authorities. In those areas not served by an animal control authority, the sheriff or municipal law enforcement shall carry out the duties of the animal control authority under the Dangerous Dog Act.
- F. **Animal Control Officer** - Any person employed by the county for the purpose of animal control laws or regulations. Environmental Technician herein after is referred to as Animal Control Officer.
- G. **Animal Shelter** – Any establishment authorized by the County for the care and custody of impounded or quarantined animals.

- H. **Bait Animal**- An animal used to train and/or condition other animals to fight and includes but is not limited to dogs, cats, and rabbits exposed to attack by other animals used or trained to be used in fighting or to make the attacking animal more confident and aggressive.
- I. **Dangerous Animal** – An animal which, when unprovoked, engages in behavior that requires a defensive action by a person to prevent bodily injury to a person or another animal which is off the property of the owner of the animal in question; or an animal which when unprovoked, injures a person in a manner which does not result in muscle tears or disfiguring lacerations, or require extensive corrective or cosmetic surgery; or an animal which, because of its poisonous sting or bite, would constitute a significant hazard to the public.
- J. **Direct Control** – Any animal when not on its owner or keeper's property must be secured to a competent person by a leash of not more than six (6) feet in length. Voice command is not an acceptable form of restraint.
- K. **Exotic Animal** – An animal which is rare or different from ordinary domesticated animals and is not indigenous to the state.
- L. **Kennel**- A multiple animal site harboring dogs and cats refer to 5-I-5.
- M. **Kennel Permit**- is a permit allowing a person to keep a combined total of dogs and cats that exceeds six refer to section 5-I.
- N. **Livestock** - means horses, cattle, pigs, sheep, goats, rabbits, fowl, or any other domestic animals typically used in the production of food, fiber, or other products or activities defined by the county manager as agricultural.
- O. **Nuisance** – Includes, but is not limited to, disturbing the peace, emitting noxious or offensive odors or otherwise endangering health and safety or becoming offensive to the inhabitants of the area refer to 5-C.
- P. **Owner** – Is a person who owns, harbors, or keeps, or knowingly causes or knowingly permits an animal to be harbored or kept or has an animal in his care, or who permits and animal to remain on or about his premises for three (3) days or more; if that person is under the age of eighteen (18), that person's parent or guardian.
- Q. **Potentially Dangerous Animal** – An animal that may reasonably be assumed to pose a threat to public safety as demonstrated by the following behaviors:
 - 1. Causing injury to a person or domestic animal that is less severe than a serious injury.
 - 2. Chasing or menacing a person or domestic animal in an aggressive manner and without provocation.
 - 3. Acting in a highly aggressively manner within a fenced yard or enclosure and appearing able to jump out of the yard or enclosure.
- R. **Proper Confinement** – A secure confinement indoors or outdoors, such as in a fenced yard, locked pen or other structure, that is designed to prevent the animal from escaping the confined area and young children from entering the confined area but does not include chaining, restraining or otherwise affixing the animal to a stationary object
- S. **Quarantine** – To detain or isolate an animal in order to observe for rabies or other communicable diseases.
- T. **Running at Large** – An animal shall be deemed to be running at large when the animal is not properly confined or in the direct control of a competent person.

- U. **Serious Injury** – A physical injury that results in broken bones, multiple bites or disfiguring lacerations requiring sutures or reconstructive surgery.
- V. **Stray** – Any animal having no identifiable owner or keeper.
- W. **Euthanasia**- by any means recognized by the state of New Mexico to humanely end an animal's life by way of injection.
- X. **Veterinarian** – Any person with a valid license from a recognized authority to practice veterinary medicine.
- Y. **Vicious Animal** – Any animal that commits an unprovoked attack upon a person or animal on private property, or that terrorizes or attacks a person or animal on public property or in a public place.
- Z. **Vaccinations** – rabies vaccination requirements as stated in section 3 - A

Section 3. Enforcement of Ordinance

The enforcement of this Ordinance shall be performed by the Lea County Environmental Services Department, the Lea County Sheriff's Department; any certified law enforcement officer authorized to enforce county ordinances or anyone designated by the Lea County Board of Commissioners to issue citations to enforce this Ordinance.

Section 4. Rabies Control

A. Rabies Vaccination Required

1. It is the duty of every person keeping a dog or cat over the age of three (3) months of age to have such animal vaccinated by a licensed veterinarian. After an initial one (1) year vaccination, subsequent vaccinations are required every three (3) years.
2. Any dog or cat brought in the County of Lea must be vaccinated within seven (7) days after the animal's entry into the County unless the keeper or owner has a current certificate of rabies vaccination, issued by a licensed veterinarian, which conforms to the requirements of the New Mexico Law.
3. Every licensed veterinarian shall issue to the owner or keeper of vaccinated dog or cat a numbered vaccination certificate and numbered vaccinated collar tag. The certificate must contain the name and address of the owner or keeper, date of vaccination, description of the animal, type of vaccine, and date of expiration of immunity period.
4. Every person keeping or owning such animal must exhibit a copy of vaccination certificate to anyone authorized to enforce this Ordinance upon his or her demand. Every animal is required to wear an issued vaccination tag. Any lost tag must be replaced by the owner or keeper at their expense.

B. Rabies Quarantine

1. Every physician or licensed health care professional that treats a person for a dog or cat bite is required to report such treatment to the Lea County Environmental Services, the Lea County Sheriff's Department or anyone authorized to enforce this Ordinance. Such report must specify the name and location of the person receiving the treatment.
2. When any person is bitten by a dog or cat, that person, parent or guardian, or the owner or keeper of the dog or cat is required to report such bite to the Lea County Environmental Services, the Lea County Sheriff's Department or anyone authorized to enforce this Ordinance.

3. Any dog or cat involved in a bite incident must be quarantined at an approved animal shelter or veterinarian hospital for a period of not less than ten (10) days from the date of the bite incident at the owner or keeper's expense. The enforcement officer may, but is not required to, allow a home quarantine, if the following conditions are met; the dog or cat has a current rabies certificate, must be kept isolated from other animals, enforcement officers are allowed to inspect the premises and animal as needed, and the general area is not under a State mandated rabies quarantine. Failure of any of the above conditions will revoke home quarantine, the dog or cat will be immediately surrendered to the enforcement officer for placement at an approved animal shelter or animal hospital to complete the quarantine period.
4. Any animal bitten by another animal proven to be infected by rabies shall be immediately destroyed by either the owner, keeper or enforcement officer, unless the bitten animal has a rabies certificate of at least three (3) weeks prior to the bite, and quarantined for a period of not less than ninety (90) days. After the ninety (90) day quarantine, the animal may be released if declared to be free of rabies by a licensed veterinarian.
5. Any animal determined to develop rabies, by a licensed veterinarian or health official, during any quarantine period shall be destroyed immediately and the body shall be properly disposed of at the expense of the owner or keeper.
6. The head of any animal suspected of having died of rabies must be immediately sent by a licensed veterinarian to a designated laboratory and under such procedures as specified by the New Mexico State Board of Public Health.

C. Declaration of Rabies Quarantine

The Lea County Board of Commissioner may declare a Quarantine against Rabies within the County of Lea when, in its judgment, rabies exists to the extent that it is a danger to public health and safety. Upon such declaration, all dogs and cats within the County must be confined on the premises of the owner or keeper, or in a licensed veterinary hospital, or in an approved animal shelter. Dogs or cats found running at large may be destroyed, after reasonable effort has been made to capture, by the Lea County Environmental Services, the Lea County Sheriff's Department or anyone authorized by the Lea County Board of Commissioners. Bodies of such animals must be disposed of properly at the owner's expense, if owner is known or by the County if owners are not known. Quarantine against Rabies shall not be removed except by order of the Lea County Board of Commissioners.

Section 5. Enforcement Rights, Impoundment, Redemption, Notification of Exotic Animals

A. Right of Entry of Animal Control Officers

Animal control officers, in the performance of their duties, may enter upon private property, but not enter into a private residence, for the purpose of apprehending animals running at large, animals involved in bites, and stray animals.

B. Impoundment of Animals

Animals apprehended by an animal control officer or other designated official shall be impounded at an approved animal shelter or other approved facility inside the County of Lea. If known, the owner or keeper of impounded animals must be notified of the impounded animal's location within 24 hours.

C. Redemption of Animals by Owner

Any impounded animal may be redeemed or reclaimed by their owner or keeper upon payment of any fees charged by the impounding facility which may include but not limited to: feeding, boarding, adoption, spay or neuter, or any fees normally charged by such

facility. Any animal not redeemed, reclaimed, or owner/keeper not paying fees as required within time limits set by impounding facility will become the property of that facility and may be placed for adoption or humanely destroyed.

D. Notification of Exotic Animals

Any owner or keeper of any animal requiring a special permit from New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, New Mexico Livestock Board, United States Fish and Wildlife, United States Department of Agriculture or any other state or federal agency charged with regulating the import, ownership or confinement of any exotic animal shall contact and provide copies of all permits, locations of such animals inside Lea County and contact persons in case of loss, damage caused by, or death of said animal to Lea County Environmental Services personnel. This does not include traveling through Lea County as long as all state requirements are met. By choosing to stay overnight in Lea County, it will be the owners' responsibility to notify city or county Environmental

Section 6. Prohibited Activities

A. Rabies Control

1. It is unlawful for an owner or keeper of a dog or cat to not obtain rabies vaccinations as set forth in Section 3(A) 1 & 2. It is unlawful to not report animal bites as set forth in Section 3 (B) 1 & 2.
2. It is unlawful to fail to surrender an animal for rabies quarantine or remove any animal from rabies quarantine without written consent of impounding officer or to interfere with the enforced quarantine of any animal.
3. It is unlawful for any person to transfer any rabies tags from one animal to another or to make use of a stolen, counterfeit, or forged rabies certificate or collar tag.
4. It is unlawful for any keeper or owner to refuse to exhibit a copy of the certificate of vaccination upon demand by any person charged with the enforcement of this Ordinance.

B. Animals Running at Large/Confinement of Animals

1. All persons owning or having charge, custody, or control of any animal shall keep such animal restrained on their property to prevent damage or harm to people, other animals, and property. The owner of an animal shall not allow it to run at large, be it on public or private property other than the owners' property. The owner of such animal shall be cited for "Running at Large." An animal shall not be considered enclosed by a fence or confined when and if the animal can pass through, under or over the fence or gate, or the gate of the fence is not securely latched. Any person who shall willfully or intentionally hinder or obstruct any Animal Control Officer in the discharge or his official duty under the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a petty misdemeanor. Animals include but are not limited to; dogs, horses, goats, sheep, ducks, chickens, guinea fowl and hogs with the exception of cats.
2. A working dog performing such acts as herding or search and rescue that is under the control and supervision of the owner or handler shall not be considered as unleashed while performing its duties. Hunting, obedience, or tracking dog that is under the control and supervision of the owner or handler shall not be considered as unleashed while performing in those capacities.

C. Animal Nuisance

It is unlawful for the owner or keeper of any animal(s) to keep or maintain animal(s) in such a manner to be a nuisance to the inhabitants of the area. It is unlawful for any owner or keeper of any animal to allow animals to defecate or urinate on property of others.

D. Abandonment of Animals, Care and Maintenance

1. It is unlawful for any owner or keeper to abandon any domestic animal within the County of Lea. It is unlawful for any owner or keeper to fail to provide any domestic animal with proper food, water, shelter, medical care or to carry or keep an animal in or upon any vehicle in a cruel and/or inhumane manner.
2. This does not include the releasing of an animal from a trap neuter and release program.

E. Vicious Animals/Dogs Which Attack Livestock, etc.

1. It is unlawful to keep any dog after it is known that the dog is liable to kill or injure livestock and it shall be the duty of the owner or keeper to euthanize or have euthanized such dog. Anyone, including the Sheriff or his deputies of the County shall summarily destroy any dog, licensed or unlicensed, if such dog is caught in the act of pursuing or wounding livestock, wounding or killing poultry, or attacking human beings.
2. Three or more dogs, licensed or unlicensed, running together are hereby declared to be a dog pack and a nuisance, dangerous to the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the County. It shall be the right of all individuals encountering a dog pack to disperse such immediately and if appropriate, destroy the dogs comprising of the dog pack.

F. Concealment of Animal: Interference with Enforcement of Ordinance

It is unlawful for any person to conceal any animal from the officers charged with the enforcement of this Ordinance or to interfere with such officer in the discharge of their duties.

G. Cruelty to Animals.

It is unlawful for a person to recklessly, willfully or maliciously kill, maim, disfigure or torture; beat with a stick, chain, club or other object; mutilate, burn or scald with any substance, overwork, torment, harass or otherwise cruelty set upon any animal, except that reasonable force may be used to otherwise impose a form of cruelty.

Drive off vicious, dangerous or trespassing animals.

It is unlawful for a person to fail to provide necessary sustenance, fail to provide necessary basic or emergency medical care, maintain an animal in an enclosed environment without adequate provisions to prevent pain or suffering, and perform procedures such as ear-cropping, de-barking, tail docking on an animal, or otherwise endanger an animal's well-being. Procedures completed by a licensed veterinarian in accordance to their standard practices shall not be considered cruelty. **State law reference**—Seizure of Animals, NMSA 1978, § 30-18-1.1 (1999).

H. Number of Animals Allowed

1. A household may have up to six (6) dogs or cats above the age of three (3) months or any combination. No person or household may own, harbor or keep more than a combination of six (6) dogs and cats.
2. Tract size is determined by plat, and the fact that one person or family may own and /or occupy multiple adjoining lots is immaterial; such a person or family will be considered to live on one tract.

I. Kennel Permit

Any person intending to exceed the maximum limit of dogs and/or cats in a household as defined in section 5.H.1 shall obtain a Kennel Permit.

1. Kennel permits can be acquired from Lea County Environmental Division located at 100 N. Main, Lovington NM. This fee is a one-time fee and is transferable from location to location but not from one owner to another owner.
2. All dogs and cats at a kennel shall have current vaccination tag and certificate.
3. Adjoining property owners may petition the county managers for revocation, modification or suspension of a kennel permit if the adjoining property owner believes the site is not being maintained properly.
4. No person shall keep or maintain more than 15 dogs or cats or any combination thereof at any time on a private residence or commercial property it is unlimited for specialized boarding and dog training schools to include seeing-eye dogs, search and rescue, police, thereof at any kennel location.
5. The area provided for the dogs and cats whether in secure runs, pens or security perimeter fence must be as follows:
 - a) 75 square feet of area shall be provided for each dog weighing less than 30 pounds
 - b) 100 square feet for each dog weighing between 30 and 60 pounds;
 - c) 125 square feet per dog over 60 pounds;
 - d) 25 square feet per cat excluding the area occupied by the litter box.
6. Kennel sites may be inspected as deemed necessary by authorities.
7. Kennels permitted prior to the effective date of this ordinance will be grandfathered in.

J. Animal Care

Whenever the Animal Control Officer discovers that any animal is or will be without adequate care because of injury, illness, incarceration or other absence of the owner or person responsible for the care of such animal, the Director of Environmental Services may impound such animal for protective care. The owner of the animal may reclaim the animal after paying all required fees and costs imposed by the impound facility. If the animal is unclaimed at the end of the protective custody period, which will be a case by case time period, the animal may be humanely euthanized or placed for adoption by the impound facility.

DANGEROUS DOGS

Section 7. Seizure of Dog – Petition to Court

If an enforcement officer has probable cause to believe that a dog is a potentially dangerous dog and poses a threat to public safety, the County may apply to a court of competent jurisdiction in the county where the animal is located for a warrant to seize the animal. After seizure:

1. The enforcement officer shall impound the dog pending disposition of the case or until the owner has fulfilled the requirements for a certificate of registration pursuant to the provisions of Section 8 of this Ordinance.

2. The enforcement officer may, within fourteen (14) days after seizure of the dog, bring a petition in court seeking a determination of whether the dog is dangerous or potentially dangerous. If the court finds that the dog is dangerous and poses an imminent threat to public safety or is potentially dangerous and poses a threat to public safety, the court shall order the owner to comply with the registration and handling requirements for the dog and obtain a certificate of registration within thirty (30) days or have the dog humanely destroyed. If the court does not make the required findings pursuant to this paragraph, the court shall immediately order the release of the dog to its owner.
3. The owner may admit that the dog is dangerous or potentially dangerous and comply with the requirements for the certificate for registration pursuant to Section 2 of this Ordinance.
4. If the owner admits that the dog is dangerous and transfers ownership of the dog to the County, the enforcement officer may humanely destroy the dog.
5. If the owner does not admit that the dog is dangerous or potentially dangerous and the enforcement officer does not bring a petition to court within fourteen (14) days of seizure of the dog, the court shall immediately order the release of the dog to its owner.
6. A determination that a dog is not dangerous or potentially dangerous shall not prevent an enforcement officer from making a subsequent application for seizure based on the dog's subsequent behavior.

Section 8. Registration and Handling Requirements for Dangerous and Potentially Dangerous Dogs

- A. The County shall issue a certificate of registration to the owner of a potentially dangerous dog if the owner establishes that:
 1. The owner is able to keep the dog under control at all times.
 2. A license, if applicable, has been issued pursuant to the requirements of this Ordinance.
 3. The dog has a current rabies vaccination.
 4. The owner has a proper enclosure for the dog. The area provided whether in secure runs, pens or security perimeter fence must be as follows:
 - a) 75 square feet of area shall be provided for each dog weighing less than 30 pounds;
 - b) 100 square feet for each dog weighing between 30 and 60 pounds;
 - c) 125 square feet per dog over 60 pounds;
 - d) A pen that secures the animal from all sides to include top and bottom.
 5. The owner has paid an annual fee to register a potentially dangerous dog.
 6. The dog has been spayed or neutered.
 7. The dog has been implanted with a microchip containing owner identification information that is also provided to the County.
 8. The owner has entered the dog in a socialization and behavior program approved by the County.

- B. If a dog previously determined to be potentially dangerous has not exhibited any of the behaviors specified in Subsection A of Section 7 of the Dangerous Dog Act for thirty-six (36) consecutive months, the owner may request the County to lift the requirements for registration pursuant to this section. If the County has no reasonable basis to believe that the dog has exhibited the behaviors specified, it shall relieve the owner of the registration requirements of this section.
- C. The County shall issue a certificate of registration to the owner of a dangerous dog if the owner, in addition to the requirements of Subsection A of this section, establishes that:
 - 1. The owner has paid the annual fee established by this Ordinance to register a dangerous dog.
 - 2. The owner has written permission of the property owner or homeowner's association where the dangerous dog will be kept, if applicable.
 - 3. The dangerous dog will be maintained exclusively on the owner's property except for medical treatment or examination.
 - 4. When the dangerous dog is removed from the owner's property, the dog shall be caged or muzzled and restrained with a lead no longer than four (4) feet, and the dog shall be under complete control at all times.
 - 5. The dangerous dog will not be transported in a vehicle that might allow the dog to escape or gain access to any person or animal outside the vehicle.
 - 6. A clearly visible warning sign with a conspicuous warning symbol indicating that there is a dangerous dog on the premises is posted where the dog is kept and is visible from a public roadway or from fifty (50) feet, whichever is less.
- D. An enforcement officer may order the immediate impoundment or humane destruction of a dog previously determined to be a dangerous dog if the owner fails to abide by the conditions for registration, confinement or handling set forth in this section.

Section 9. Exceptions

A dog shall not be declared a dangerous or potentially dangerous dog if:

- A. The dog was used by a law enforcement official for legitimate law enforcement purposes.
- B. The threat, injury or damage was sustained by a person or domestic animal that was:
 - 1. Trespassing upon premises occupied by the owner or the dog.
 - 2. Provoking, tormenting, abusing or assaulting the dog or had repeatedly, in the past provoked, tormented, abused or assaulted the dog.
 - 3. Committing or attempting to commit a crime.
- C. The dog was:
 - 1. Responding to pain or injury.
 - 2. Protecting itself or its offspring.
 - 3. Protecting or defending a human being or domestic animal from attack or assault.

Section 10. Prohibited Acts

- A. It is unlawful for an owner of a dangerous or potentially dangerous dog to:
 - 1. Keep the dog without a valid certificate of registration.

2. Violate the registration and handling requirements for the dog.
 3. Fail to notify the County immediately in either case of:
 - a. The escape of the dog.
 - b. An attack by the dog upon a human being or a domestic animal.
 4. Fail to notify the County of the dog's death within five (5) business days.
 5. Fail to notify the County within twenty-four (24) hours if the dog has been sold or given away and provide the name, address and telephone number of the new owner of the dog.
 6. Fail to surrender the dog to an enforcement officer for safe confinement pending a determination of the case when there is a reason to believe that the dog poses an imminent threat to public safety.
 7. Fail to comply with special handling or care requirements for the dog that a court has ordered.
- B. Prosecution pursuant to this section requires a showing that:
1. An owner knew of the propensity of a dog to inflict serious injury.
 2. The dog had previously been found by a court to be a dangerous or potentially dangerous dog.

Section 11. Penalty


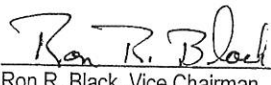
Pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section 4-37-3, violation of this Ordinance may be prosecuted in any court of competent jurisdiction within the County and shall be punishable by a fine of up to five hundred dollars (\$500) for the first offense. For second and subsequent offenses, a fine of up to five hundred dollars (\$500) and imprisonment for up to ninety days or both the fine and imprisonment may be imposed.

Section 12. Miscellaneous Provisions

- A. Repeal and Severability - This Ordinance repeals all prior adopted Lea County Animal Control Ordinances. If any part of this ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or invalid or otherwise in conflict with the laws of the State of New Mexico and the United States of America, the validity of the remaining portions of the Ordinance shall not be affected if such portions can stand alone.
- B. Titles - Titles given to different sections herein are meant to facilitate the convenient location of different sections of this ordinance and not to limit or fully describe the application of the entitled sections.
- C. Effective Date - This Ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after it has been recorded in the book kept by the Lea County Clerk for that purpose.

PASSED, APPROVED, SIGNED AND ADOPTED this 24th day of April, 2014

LEA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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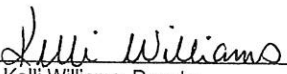


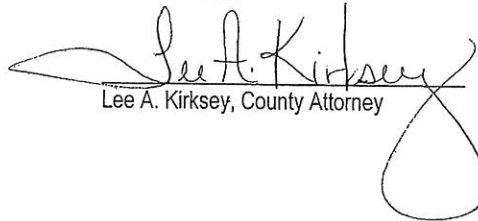
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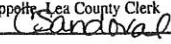

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